

**GENERIC NAME:**

**DIAZEPAM**

**BRAND NAME:** Valium

**Indications**

Convulsions, severe agitation and combative behavior.

**Mechanism**

Enhances action of GABA in the brain to produce the following clinical effects:

- anticonvulsant
- sedation
- anxiolysis
- amnesia

**Supplied**

10 mg/2 ml ampoule.

**Dose**

IV is preferred route. ETT and rectal routes have been used.

Adults: 5 - 10 mg IV

Kids: 0.05 mg/kg to 0.1 mg/kg

Doses may be repeated for recurrence of signs or lack of response to initial dose.

**Adverse Effects**

Respiratory depression, hypotension, aspiration, apnea.

**Contraindications**

Inability to control airway should patient become comatose, aspirate, or suffer respiratory depression; Known hypersensitivity; Coma without seizures.

**Documentation and Outcome**

Document lack of contraindications.

Document indication for therapy (e.g., seizure despite oxygenation)

Document dose, route of administration, time of administration, duration of administration.

Document patient response or lack thereof: LOC, seizure activity, vital signs, respiratory and airway status.